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AND THERAPEUTIC METHODS

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of July 3, 1996, Applicants elect the subject matter of claims 15-26 drawn to peptides of gp100, classified in Class 530, subclass 328. Applicants, however, traverse this Restriction Requirement for the reasons discussed below. Applicants were given until August 2, 1996 to respond to the Restriction Requirement. Hence this response is timely filed.

**REMARKS**

The present invention relates to nucleic acids, proteins and immunogenic peptides encoding melanoma antigens. The invention also relates to therapeutic and diagnostic uses of said nucleic acid sequences, proteins and peptides. Claims 1-14 are drawn to peptides of MART-1, classified in Class 530, Subclasses 328 and 350+ (Group I).